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SUBJ: "LA TERCERA/ RESUMES PUBLICATION

REF: SANTIAGO 3097

1. "LA TERCERA" REAPPEARED MORNING JULY 14 AFTER THREE-JUDGE APPEALS COURT JULY 13 UNANIMOUSLY REVOKED GOC-IMPOSED SIX-DAY SUSPENSION.
2. EDITOR ALBERTO GUERRERO RELEASED ON BAIL, HAS TO REPORT TO COURT EVERY 15 DAYS UNTIL CASE FINALLY RESOLVED. JULY 13 ACTION LIFTED SUSPENSION, BUT COURT CONTINUES CONSIDERING MERITS OF CASE.
3. DEFENSE ADMITTED--AND JULY 14 "LA TERCERA" EDITORIAL CONFIRMED-- THAT EDITOR HAD DELETED "EXPRESSIONS CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE AND INJURIOUS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC" FROM ULTRA-RIGHTIST "PATRIA Y LIBERTAD" MOVEMENT TEXT BEFORE ACCEPTING PAID ADVERTISEMENT.
4. PRO-ALLENDE PRESS QUOTES UNDERSECRETARY OF INTERIOR DANIEL VARGARA AS DESCRIBING COURT'S DECISION AS "FLAGRANTLY GRAVE, LEAVING WITH IMPUNITY THE OFFENSES COMMITTED DAILY BY OPPOSITION COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA".

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5. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE ORCHESTRATED MOVE, PRO-UNIDAD POPULAR DAILIES HAVE UNLEASHED CAMPAIGN AGAINST "LA TERCERA," ACCUSING IT OF BEING "REACTIONARY AND PRO-IMPERIALIST" (COMMUNIST "EL SIGLO"), "REACTION PASQUINADE" (PRO-COMMUNIST "PURO CHILE"), AND "FASCISTOID" (MARXIST "CLARIN"), GOC "LA NACION" HAS SO FAR REPORTED STORY STRAIGHT, AND SOCIALIST "ULTIMA HORA" SATURDAY EDITION LIMITED ITSELF TO ANTI-"LA TERCERA" CARTOON ON FRONT PAGE, WITH TEXT SAYING, "IT ISN'T EASY TO BE SEDITIOUS, BUT WE DO IT WITH PLEASURE..."

6. COMMENT: IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL HOW PUBLISHER GERMAN PICO CANAS AND EDITOR GUERRERO WILL REACT TO PRO-ALLENDE PRESS ATTACKS AND VARGATA'S STATEMENT, BUT WHEN HE TELEPHONED ME JULY 14 GUERRERO GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING VERY MUCH IN SADDLE BUT UNDER GREAT PRESSURE. WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT NEXT FEW DAYS TO GAIN BETTER INSIGHT INTO SITUATION. MY ASSESSMENT AT THIS POINT IS THAT ALLENDE WILL BE MAKING TROUBLE FOR HIMSELF AND HIS GOVERNMENT IF HE DOES NOT RESTRAIN PRO-UNIDAD POPULAR PRESS IN ITS ATTACKS ON "LA TERCERA," IN VIEW LATTER'S LARGE CIRCULATION AND CLEAN CREDENTIALS (RECOGNIZED BY "EL MERCURIO" IN JULY 14 EDITORIAL) AS INDEPENDENT AND "PLURALISTIC" NEWSPAPER.

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